



History and Social Science Opportunities

At

Claude Moore Park

21544 Old Vestals Gap Road, Sterling, VA 20164

Visitor Center 703-444-1275

www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm

Bring your class to Claude Moore Park for a step back into history. Walk the old Indian trail through the park that George Washington frequently used as a surveyor and young soldier. Imagine a thousand British Soldiers as they marched down Vestal's Gap Road in April 1755.

The Lanesville house was used as an ordinary and post office in the beginning of the 19th century. The earliest portions of this house date back to 1779. Union General Reynolds set up his headquarters in this Confederate home in June 1863, just before leaving for Gettysburg. The 1870s Bridges' Schoolhouse, barns, outhouse, and log cabin compliment the historic area.

The Guilford Signal Station site, used by both Union and Confederate troops, tops Little Stoney Mountain within the park. This hill also provided a promontory, hunting ground and materials for tool making for American Indians.

Fees and Information

- * \$3.50 per person, including chaperones, with a \$35.00 minimum (two teachers free per class.)
- * Programs are held outdoors. Participants will need to dress for the weather.
 - * Groups may picnic at the park before or after field trips.
 - * To register please call the Visitor Center at 703-444-1275.



The Lanesville Heritage Area and Vestal's Gap Road are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Everyday Life and Traditions

Grade One

(1 hour, 45 minutes)

Portions of S.O.L 1.1, 1.2, 1.6

Students will hike down Vestal's Gap Road, tour the Lanesville house and historic area to gain first-hand experiences to:

- ♦ construct a time-line to show sequence of elements in U.S. history and changes as they occurred in Claude Moore Park;
- ♦ explore how the local geography affected the lives of our earliest residents as well as how it affects our lives today;
- ♦ walk a route used frequently by George Washington and learn how his early travels helped him become a great General.

Introduction to Our Heritage

Grade Two

(1 hour, 45 minutes)

Portions of S.O.L 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 c & d

Students will visit the Lanesville house, historic area, Vestal's Gap Road, and hike up Little Stoney Mountain to:

- ♦ experience how the local community life has changed over time;
- ♦ investigate land features and plants American Indians and early settlers depended on;
- ♦ examine ways American Indians adapted to their environment.

Explore the Rich History of Virginia

Grade Four

(1 hour, 45 minutes)

Portions of S.O.L. VS.1a, f, g; VS.2e; VS.6c

Students will hike Little Stoney Mountain trail to visit the signal station site and Native American promontory, search for features important to American Indians, visit the parlor used by Civil War General Reynolds, travel back through history in the foot steps of General Washington along Vestal's Gap Road, and handle artifacts to:

- ♦ experience how American Indians adapted to the climate and their environment;
- ♦ observe how one location played a role in major events for over two hundred years;
 - ♦ identify and interpret artifacts to understand events in history;
- ♦ examine the influence of geography on migration of Virginians into western territories.

Classes may arrange for a day-long field trip at Claude Moore Park. Combine a History/ Social Science field trip with an Environmental Education field trip and enjoy a picnic lunch in the park. Combined field trips will last 1.5 hours each. Please call the Park at 703-444-1275, for more information.



ADA – Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate, call the Park (703-444-1275) at least one week prior to the start of the activity.